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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF APR 2 2 2003

MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, U.S. ARMY NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION, APO AE 09705

SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation

In pursuing its mission, the Army has an obligation to use wisely the precious resources entrusted to it by the American public. Sound stewardship – the judicious and effective use of those scarce resources – requires effective management controls. The Army's management control process provides a cost-effective way to review our critical controls, identify and correct deficiencies, and share information on the more serious deficiencies so that others may benefit.

Each year, we assess the efforts by major commands and HQDA staff agencies to implement the Army management control process. To assure objectivity, we use a joint panel – representing the Auditor General, the Inspector General and myself – to conduct this assessment. After assessing management control implementation during FY 2002, this joint panel concluded that your command's effort was exemplary.

Please accept my congratulations for the outstanding work by you and the members of your organization. In particular, I want to commend Ms. Grazyna Bremer for her dedication and professionalism in fostering effective management controls. I also want to thank you for your leadership and support for the management control process.

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